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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs

JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ  
aka El Contador

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CRIMINAL NO.

NATHAN OCHSNER  
CLERK OF COURT

B-21-1011

*Partially*  
UNSEALED 3-7-22  
INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

Beginning on or about 2015 and continuing up to and including November 9, 2021  
in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere and within the jurisdiction of the Court,  
Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally agree, combine, conspire, and confederate with other  
persons known and unknown to the Grand Jurors, to possess with intent to distribute a  
controlled substance. The overall scope of the conspiracy involved fifty (50) grams or

more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance; and four hundred (400) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(A).

**COUNT TWO**

Beginning on or about 2015 and continuing up to and including November 9, 2021, in the country of Mexico and elsewhere and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

who will first enter the United States in the Southern District of Texas, did knowingly and intentionally conspire with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jurors, to distribute and cause the distribution of fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance; and four hundred (400) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance intending, knowing, and having reasonable cause to believe that such methamphetamine, cocaine and fentanyl would be unlawfully imported into the

United States.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959, 960, and 963.

**COUNT THREE**

On or about January 22, 2019 in the Southern District of Texas and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about February 22, 2019 in the Southern District of Texas and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about February 22, 2019, in the Southern District of Texas and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT SIX**

On or about September 29, 2020, in the Southern District of Texas and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT SEVEN**

On or about October 9, 2020, in the Southern District of Texas and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT EIGHT**

On or about October 9, 2020, in the Southern District of Texas and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of four hundred (400) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT NINE**

On or about March 29, 2021 in the Southern District of Texas and within the jurisdiction of the Court, Defendants,

**JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE**  
**[Title 21, United States Code, Section 853]**

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, the United States gives notice to the Defendants, **JOSE ALFREDO CARDENAS-MARTINEZ aka El Contador,**

that in the event of a conviction for a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 or 841, the following are subject to forfeiture:

- (1) all property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offenses; and
- (2) all property used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offenses.

**MONEY JUDGMENT; SUBSTITUTE ASSETS**

The United States may seek the imposition of a money judgment. In the event that a condition listed in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) exists, the United States will seek to forfeit any other property of the defendant in substitution up to the total value of the property subject to forfeiture.

A TRUE BILL:

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FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

JENNIFER B. LOWERY  
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*Karen Betancourt*

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